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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - I. Claims 1-13, drawn to grinding apparatus utilizing rotary cylindrical tool, classified in class 451, subclass 178.
  - II. Claims 14-22, drawn to method of edge grinding, classified in class 451, subclass 44.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions II and I are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus, i.e., an apparatus not requiring a grinding unit to be coupled to the air bearing support to directly apply a predetermined force, e.g., a grinding wheel not requiring the limitations of a support platform, grinding device having a motor coupled to the support platform. It is noted that the Applicant's Remarks in arguing against the reference applied (Lange), indicates that Lange does not apply force to the workpiece directly, rather through a cam follower, (see pages 9 and 10), this argument may read over the method as recited, however, the apparatus as recited requires a grinding "unit" to apply force, and lacking any other limitations to exclude the cam follower in Lange, to be considered or defined as part of the grinding unit in the reference, the argument fails to read over Lange as applied.

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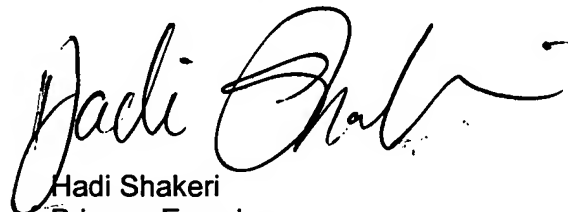
3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

### ***Conclusion***

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